

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 589

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in welcoming Zafer Caglayan, the minister of economy for the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of his visit to Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, The honorable minister represents an esteemed economic partner and a highly valued friendship between the State of Texas and the Republic of Turkey; these two allies are committed to a continuation of this mutually beneficial relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, The Republic of Turkey is a vital player in global commerce and has the 16th-largest economy in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas is home to some 50,000 Turkish Americans and is host to Turkish American associations such as the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians, the Raindrop Foundation, and the Texas Turkish American Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Texas share a desire to promote trade, investment, and friendship between the people of Turkey and those of this state; it is then with great honor that residents and elected representatives of the State of Texas host this esteemed guest from the Republic of Turkey; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby welcome Turkish minister of economy Zafer Caglayan on the occasion of his visit to the State of Texas; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Minister Caglayan as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 3, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate